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*"Never, never, never give up."
— Winston Churchill*

C.O.W. Relay for Life begins tonight

Alexandra DeGrandchamp
Voice Staff

Colleges Against Cancer is revving up to paint Wooster purple.

"It's the color of hope," stated Meredith Gavin '09, co-chair of Wooster's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer. "It's what we try to bring to everything."

Colleges Against Cancer, the student organization of the American Cancer Society (ACS), coordinates the annual Relay for Life, the largest fundraiser for ACS. The group hopes to raise \$32,000 during this fiscal year, which ends in October. So far, fundraising efforts have accumulated just under \$12,000.

Wooster's 18-hour event kicks off today at 6 p.m. with opening ceremonies and a lap led by cancer survivors at John P. Papp Stadium.

Following the survivor lap is the team lap, complete with banners displaying team names. A remembrance ceremony follows at 8:30 p.m., which features the Scot Pipers. Luminaria dedicated to those who died of or are currently battling cancer will be honored during this time, and a lap will be dedicated in silence. On Saturday, a "fight back" lap will take place in the morning, and closing ceremonies will begin around 11 a.m. Relay for Life 2009 officially concludes on Saturday at noon.

The evening will offer both solemn and festive atmospheres. Speeches by survivors will lead the opening ceremony, and Colleges Against Cancer will sponsor a dinner intended to honor cancer survivors and caregivers immediately preceding the relay, in Lowry at 4:30 p.m.

This year's Relay will also feature several musical performances. Several Wooster a cappella groups will be performing during the events this

evening, and WOO 91 will DJ the event. In addition, bands "Cydonia Rise," "The Blastronauts" and Dan Miraldi '09's "The Cherry Flavored Elevator" will be performing throughout this evening.

Additionally, a belly dancing performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight, and the Army National Guard of Wooster's Color Guard will be making an appearance.

This year's Relay for Life will include contributions from 28 teams comprised of students, faculty and staff. Teams set up campsites in Papp Stadium and sponsor fundraising events in addition to maintaining one walking team member.

Expected team events include wing eating contests, henna tattoos, food and beverage sales, glo sticks, hand warmers and corn hole tournaments.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Relay for Life fundraiser, and the fifth year of the event at The College of Wooster. Colleges Against Cancer was founded two years ago. During the 2007-2008 academic year, Wooster's Colleges Against Cancer placed third in per-capita donations at the collegiate level. Over 200 Ohio schools currently have chapters of the ACS's Colleges Against Cancer.

According to a statement given by ACS CEO John R. Seffrin in August 2008, a cure for cancer will be found within the lifetimes of today's college students, giving them an important role to play in working to assure that cancer research is properly funded and supported. This is why Gavin and Dory Gayler '09, Team Development Chair, emphasize the necessity of donations. Donations given to Wooster's Relay for Life stay within Ohio, and fund projects of the ACS, research initiatives, transportation and flights for cancer

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 3

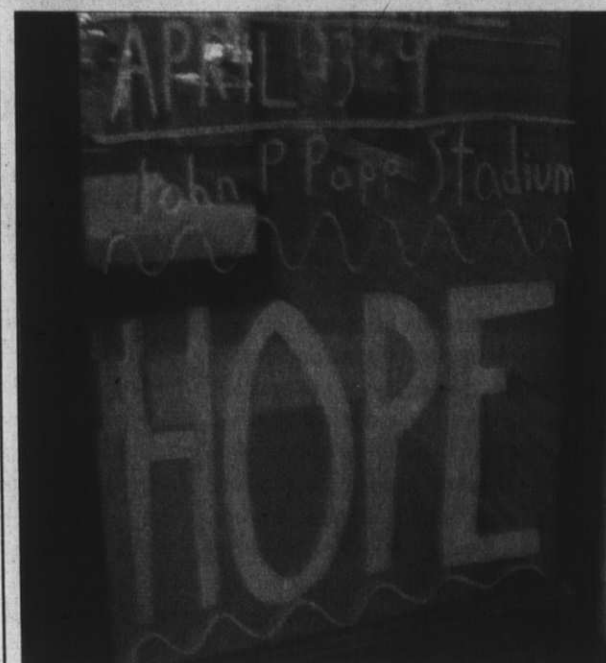
6:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies
7:00 p.m.	Belly Dancers
7:30 p.m.	Cydonia Rise (band)
8:30 p.m.	Luminaria Ceremony
9:15 p.m.	Blastronauts (band)
10:15 p.m.	The Cherry Flavored Elevator (band)
11:15 p.m.	A Round of Monkeys (a cappella)
11:45 p.m.	Wing Eating Contest

Saturday, April 4

12:00 a.m.	Dan Miraldi (acoustic)
1:00 a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Relay
1:30 a.m.	After These Messages (a cappella)
2:00 a.m.	Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag
2:15 a.m.	Lethal Inflection (a cappella)
5:00 a.m.	Egg Toss
11:00 a.m.	Closing Ceremony

Theme Laps

7:00 p.m.	Cow Lap
8:00 p.m.	Plaid Lap
10:00 p.m.	Cool Sock Lap
12:00 a.m.	Piggyback Lap
2:00 a.m.	80's Lap
4:00 a.m.	Pajama Lap
8:00 a.m.	Backwards Lap
9:00 a.m.	Crazy Hair Lap
10:00 a.m.	Disney Lap
11:00 a.m.	Purple Lap



Top right, a poster-making session in Douglass Hall for this year's College's Relay program. Above right, publicity for Relay for Life at Lowry Center (Photos by Danielle Haas).

patients and ACS Can, a legislative campaign targeting local and national government change.

Colleges Against Cancer is co-

chaired by Gavin and Anne Hargleroad, both '09. Their ACS liaison to Wooster's chapter is

Katelyn Atsma. To donate to this

year's Relay for Life, visit www.relayforlife.org/cow or bring cash to the festivities tonight and Saturday morning.

Seniors celebrate the conclusion of Independent Study



Above, Andrea Brown marches in the parade. Above left, Karen Souchuns and Christina Somlo blow bubbles. Above right, Max Gillespie and Wright Smith bagpipe. Left, Jason Farson and Henry Timmers pose for pictures. Right, a senior goes in for a hug with faculty members (Photo collection by Maureen Sill).



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NEWS BITES

CAMPUS

Member of the College community passes

Ernie Infield, the former director of news services for The College of Wooster and a loyal fan of Wooster athletics for many years, passed away at the Smithville-Western Care Center on Saturday. He was 89.

Infield worked at the College for almost 20 years. He was an avid fan of sports, especially athletics, but true to his last name, he especially loved baseball. He was responsible for an overseas baseball league in which Joe DiMaggio participated, and later established a Hot Stove League in Wayne County. Infield won a number of awards for his work in media, and appeared in an ESPN documentary on Bevo Francis, a legendary scorers in college basketball history.

Pick up next week's Voice for a full-length feature on Infield's life at the College.

LOCAL

Ward 2 seat expires because of conflicts

As of Wednesday, the 30-day deadline to fill Wooster's vacant Ward 2 seat on city council has expired. After the council voted down Democratic pick Barbara Hustwit, they appointed the Rev. Alan Nathan by a vote of 4-0. Nathan served for only two days before turning in his letter of resignation Wednesday after a resident called Wooster Law Director Richard Benson asking whether Nathan's service as Chaplain at a community hospital constituted a conflict of interest. Nathan said he was "not willing to sever the relationship" he has as Chaplain.

Now that the 30-day deadline has expired, the City of Wooster charter stipulates that Mayor Bob Brenneman must appoint a democrat to fill the seat. At press time, Brenneman's choice for the seat was unknown.

NATIONAL

Charges against Alaska senator under debate

U.S. officials have asked that the corruption charges against Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens be overturned, citing mistakes made by prosecutors during the trial.

According to the request, prosecutors failed, among other things, to make available notes on an interview in which a witness's statement contradicted evidence he gave later under oath. The prosecutors are currently under investigation and have been removed from the case.

"I always knew that there would be a day when the cloud that surrounded me would be removed," Stevens said in a statement. "That day has finally come. It is unfortunate that an election was affected by proceedings now recognized as unfair."

INTERNATIONAL

Madonna attempts to adopt child, fails

Madonna returned to court today in Malawi in the midst of a legal battle to adopt a second Malawian child.

She has been criticized by international charitable organizations for her plan to remove the child, Chifundo James, from her home country, and at least one human-rights organization says that the singer has been given special exceptions in the adoption process.

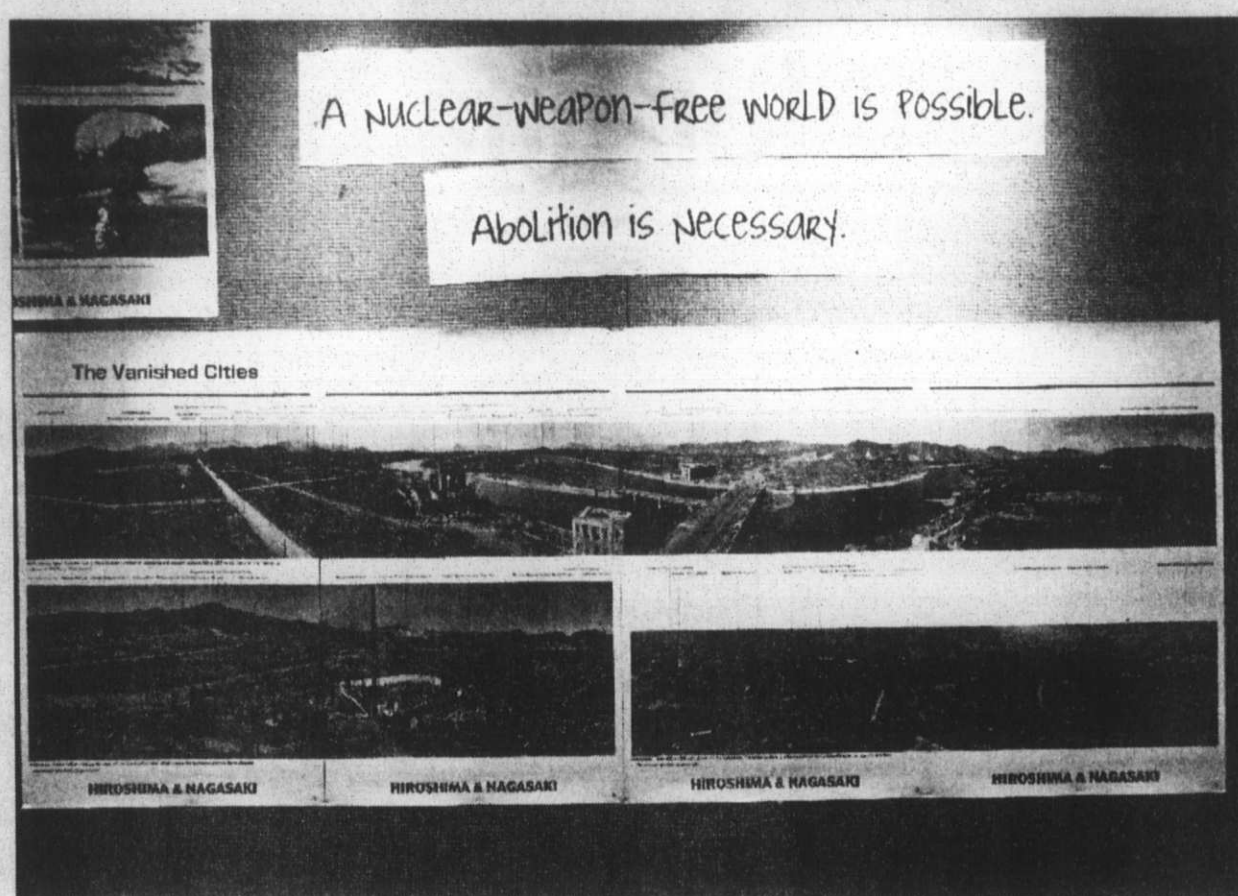
Undule Mwakusungura, chairman of the Human Rights Consultative Committee accused Madonna of acting "like a bully." "She has the money and the status to use her profile to manipulate, to fast-track the process," he said.

Chifundo has been living in an orphanage after her teenage mother died shortly after her birth. Madonna adopted her first Malawian child, David Banda, in 2006.

— Bites compiled by Jonah Comstock and Molly Lehman

CORRECTIONS

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Lowry art wall pays tribute to Hiroshima victims

The College will host an art exhibit at Lowry Center highlighting experiences from one woman's memories from the Hiroshima bombings until tomorrow morning. Hideko Tamura Snider, a Wooster graduate as well as peace activist and survivor of Hiroshima at the age of 10, will share her story through the art display, which is on loan from the Hiroshima Peace Museum. The exhibit will include photos, documents and objects relating to the tragic event and will conclude with a speech by Snider at 11 a.m. on April 4 (Photo by Andrew Collins).

Vintage backdrops discovered at Freedlander

Allana Mortell
Senior Staff Writer

With this weekend's upcoming production of "Letting Go," the Wooster Theatre Department certainly has their hands full. To make matters much busier but nonetheless thrilling, the recent discovery of 60 scenic backdrops has kept student employees and department members engaged with a brand new project. While taking inventory of the storage located in the basement of Freedlander Theatre, student workers continually kept stumbling upon a number of very different, and quite old, scenic backdrops.

The backdrops, often called 'drops,' essentially set the stage with their authentically painted and technically draped background, which can be composed of a number of different fabrics, including a mix of linen and cotton.

Backdrops are often painted very intricately and have an extremely rich history of painting techniques, including painting with toxic dyes, which is no longer used today but was a popular technique more than a decade ago to produce outstanding

colors.

Painting with dry pigment was also used, which despite its wretched smell of powder mixed with animal glue, generates vibrant and long lasting, intense colors. The sizes of backdrops are exceptional considering they serve as the background for theatre productions. However, the diverse size range is just one noteworthy aspect. Two of the most common sizes for drops are 22 feet high by 50 feet wide and 17 feet high by 40 feet wide but they can also be much smaller, around 7 feet by 6 feet, a specific size that was one of the 60 discovered by Wooster students.

Jody Tidwell, the Shop Manager for the Wooster Theatre Department recalls the knowledge of some backdrops in storage, but was definitely surprised to find that such a large number had been saved over the years.

"When I decided to begin to organize the space, I discovered there were many more drops in stacks, in plastic bags and mixed in with the furniture. Was I surprised? Yes, I was shocked at the number we found," he said. The next step for Tidwell and her student workers

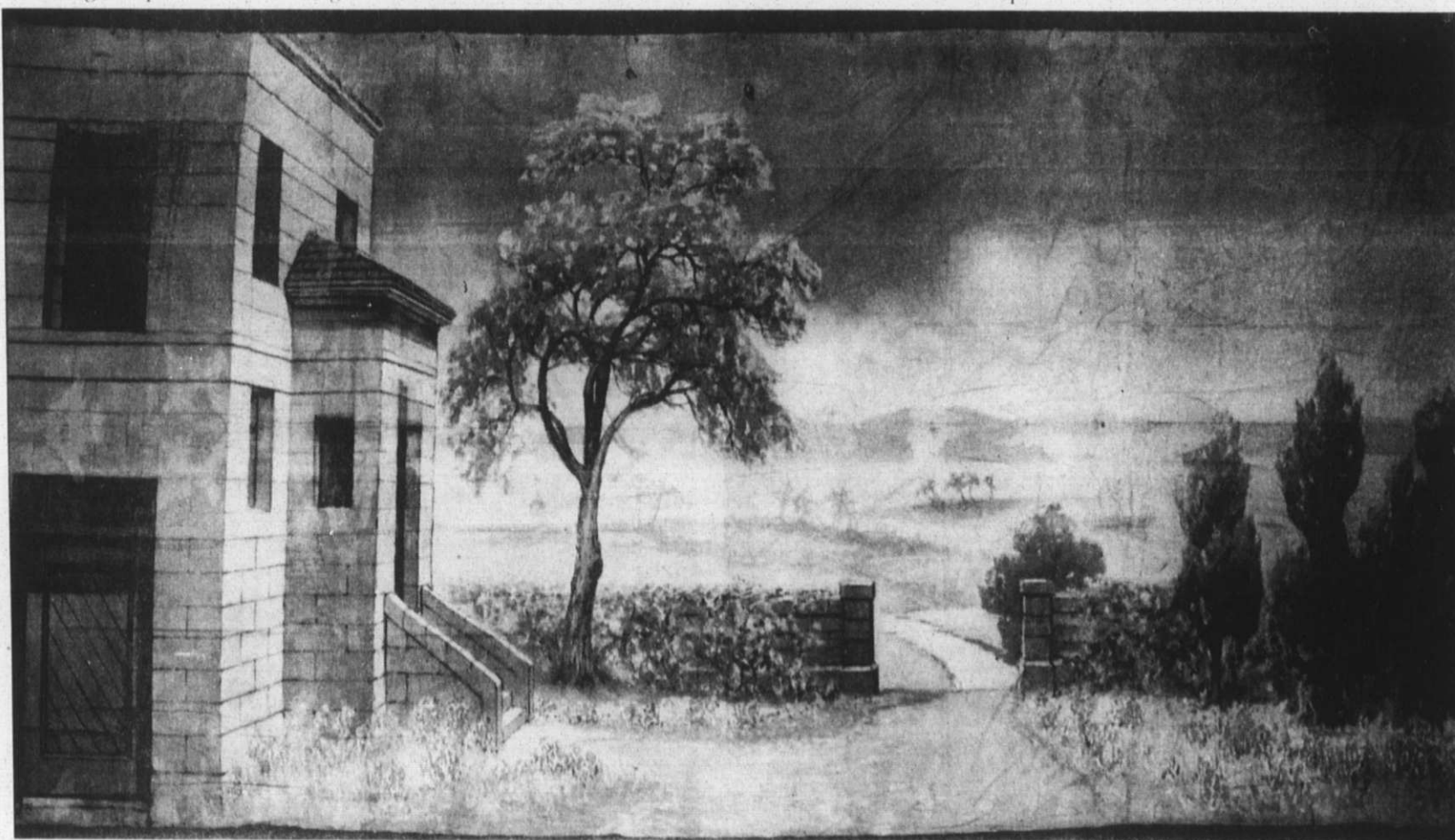
was to observe each individual drop by opening them up and bringing them onto the main stage for measurements, photographs and a closer inventory. This process was very time consuming and had to be handled with care because a number of the backdrops found were from over sixty years ago.

During the course of inventory, students established that around 40 of the backdrops found were painted by Armbruster & Sons Scenic Studios, a formerly Columbus, Ohio-based scenic design studio that is no longer in business, which holds the distinction of being the first scenic design studio in the United States. Professor Dale Seeds of the Theatre Department recalls the business being prosperous "from the turn of the century up until the late 1950s." During that time period, the drops could be used in "variety shows, anything a local theatre would produce and later in the century, probably used in high schools," Seeds said. Typical of the time period however, Tidwell reveals, "In some cases they might be repainted or washed and repainted, which seems to be the case with some of these drops."

The significance of these historical backdrops is debatable but Nathan Comstock '10 believes, "Most were used definitely in old Wooster shows." The drops that were found included scenes of city landscape, interior buildings, nautical backgrounds and even one with a castle background, still all in reasonable shape, many still with illuminating colors despite possibly being painted 70 years ago. Even though the drops found are quite old, Wooster students and surrounding community members are still getting good use of them.

After this past inventory, the drops have been used in departmental productions, student-filming productions and, most recently, in a play last week at Medina High School. Ultimately, the decision was made to donate the backdrops to the Ohio State Theatre and History Museum. "They're going to take the drops but Wooster does not know what they will be doing with them," Seeds said.

In the end, the opportunity to have discovered such a unique part of Wooster's theatrical history will remain memorable for all those involved.



Above, a newly discovered turn-of-the-century theatre backdrop at Freedlander (Photo courtesy Dale Seeds and Jody Tidwell).

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Our View

Last Monday, The College of Wooster campus was transformed from a quiet academic oasis populated by relatively mild, bookish students into a screaming, parading den of inebriated 20-something lunatics, hellbent on participating in what one of the English professors kindly calls a "celebration in the Dionysian tradition." It was, of course, I.S. Monday — and if you were within six miles of campus, you likely knew it.

Much as they like to say it, however, the celebration on March 23 was not solely the result of the seniors' work. It was also the result of much hard work on the part of countless staff and faculty members, who worked additionally hard, and at additional personal risk, to make the day a special one for the class of 2009.

We at the Voice would like to extend our utmost thanks — and likely for some members of the staff, our apologies — to all of the faculty and staff members who endured, with endless patience and good spirit, the 2009 I.S. Monday celebration. Thanks to the staff at the Registrar, whose lives will hopefully be easier in the weeks to come, to the members of the administration and faculty who came out to witness the parade and congratulate those still standing, to the Hospitality staff who provided the pizza in Kittredge Dining Hall following the parade and to all others who had a hand in making the day such a success.

Thanks for working so hard to ensure that our seniors enjoy their day of celebration in (relative) safety and health, and for joining with them as they commemorated their achievements in some kind of style.

It is our opinion that very few schools would have the tolerance or the fortitude to consistently support a celebration of this kind, and it is a testament to the spirit of the school that it continues. Thank you.

Obama vs. marijuana

On March 26, President Obama held an "online town hall meeting," an experimental venture designed to allow the president to address directly the most pressing questions of average Americans.



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The president was to answer, in a televised White House briefing, the most popular questions about the economy submitted and voted upon at the White House Web site. It was a good idea. An idea, I would say, whose time has come. It's very exciting to see our head of state using technology to connect more directly with his constituency.

But President Obama made a baffling and distressing decision at the conference. One of the most popular questions on the site was a question, worded in various ways, asking, "Wouldn't it be a good step toward improving the economy to legalize and tax marijuana?" Legalization questions ranked number one in two categories on the site.

Unsurprisingly, the White House vetters and moderators of the event chose not to include those questions. This would have been frustrating by itself, but one could have forgiven Obama.

However, ignoring his citizenry wasn't enough for the president. He felt strongly that he needed to address the issue, and chose to treat it much the same way as he recently treated America's mentally disabled athletes — he made it into a joke.

This was Obama's response:

"I have to say that there was one question that was voted on that ranked fairly high, and that was whether legalizing marijuana would improve the economy and job creation. I don't know what this says about the online audience ... but I just want — I don't want people to think that — this was a fairly popular question. We

want to make sure that it was answered. The answer is, no, I don't think that is a good strategy to grow our economy."

Literally hundreds of thousands of Americans came to Obama and said, "Let's try to improve the economy by ending a failed drug policy." He effectively responded by calling them a bunch of potheads.

The philosophical and sociological scholarship on America's drug policy is fairly one-sided. Marijuana is less harmful than either tobacco or alcohol in any conceivable category. Just as it did during Prohibition, the illegal status of marijuana has created a drug culture that leads to an increase in crime and gang violence. In the state of California, a bill to legalize marijuana is moving through the legislature. The questions asked cited facts and statistics and made their points carefully and respectfully, and Obama purely and simply blew them off.

Agree with it or disagree with it, pro-legalization is a real position with a lot of support. According to a CBS poll, 38 percent of Americans support the legalization of marijuana. And whether you're one of them or not, you should be very worried about the hypocrisy the Obama administration is showing here.

Obama's government of change and empowerment needs to be held accountable to its own mission. Listening to everyone means listening to everyone, even those that previous administrations have ignored or marginalized. Obama has lost my respect. He doesn't need to legalize marijuana to win it back. All he has to do is acknowledge that "what that says about the online audience" is that they are concerned citizens who see a policy that doesn't work and want to know why Obama won't consider changing it. I'd sort of like to know that too.

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Now that the weather is getting better, and I.S. is done, I just want to go outside and enjoy it all. I think I'll just go lay in the grass in front of Kenarden Lodge!

Yeah, that seems like a great idea!

Ohh yeah that feels... wait... what the...

OH SWEET. THE GRASS IS ALMOST COMPLETELY COVERED BY GLASS SHARDS AND CIGARETTE BUTTS.

AWESOME.



Cartoon drawn by Andy Maloney. Send comments to him at AMaloney09@wooster.edu.

GOP no longer serving the people

In the worst economic collapse since the Great Depression, our government is trying to solve the crisis as soon as possible.

With a 59-seat majority in the Senate and a substantial majority in the House, that makes the Republicans all but irrelevant. The Democrats need to save the economy within the next four years and show some improvement within the next two.



nickrobison

This is most certainly a tall order. However, as much as there is to gain for the Democrats to save the economy, there is just as much for the Republicans to gain from its continuing failure.

Rush Limbaugh put it in clear terms when he said that he wants Obama to fail. Surely no Republican would let one of the most prominent faces of the Republican Party establish the idea that all Republicans want Obama, and thus the nation, to fail. Michael Steele, head of the Republican National Committee, goes on "The D.L.

Hughley Show" where he calls Limbaugh's comments ugly and divisive. There is hope after all! But wait: the very next day, Michael Steele goes on Rush Limbaugh's radio show to apologize profusely for what he had said.

It appears that Rush has Steele's manhood in a jar. There has not been one prominent Republican within the

take out such frivolous measures as creating infrastructure.

They constantly cry out about earmarks that make up only an insignificant two percent of the bill's total cost while asserting that the earmarks that they put in are okay. They make false accusations about where the money is even going, such as millions of dollars to save a mouse in California. Why do this? The reason is that they want to appear to have a reason to oppose the bill and filibuster it if necessary.

What do they want to do instead? Tax cuts for every problem in the world. This party of no ideas is trying to make sure that no bill that is passed to help save the economy has any real effect.

Why? Because they won't get any of the credit. People were shocked at what Rush said, but he was only articulating the strategy of the Republican Party. I await a major elected official of the Republican Party to prove me wrong.

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U.S. must focus on Pakistan menace

I was rather surprised when, driving through the Florida Keys, I saw a group of anti-war protesters. They were your typical bunch — a few leftover hippies and some college kids quoting whatever they'd heard on NPR recently. I thought they might be protesting possible U.S. involvement in Pakistan, Iran or North Korea, but no.



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Amazingly, they're still quite riled up about Iraq.

How odd, I thought. Isn't Iraq pretty much case closed?

Since the Surge, which, I should point out, congressional Democrats opposed vehemently, violence in

the country has dropped off dramatically. American soldier deaths in 2008 stood at 314 compared to over 900 the previous year. Daily attacks fell by 95 percent. The ratio of murders was 0.9 per 100,000 people, a ratio lower now than before the U.S. invasion. The Web site iraqbodycount.com reported about 9,000 civilian deaths in 2008, compared to 25,000 in 2007 and similar numbers in 2006.

For comparison, a recent government report indicated that the number of Americans who die annually due to alcohol abuse stands at about 75,000. The Iraq Body Count's report of about 95,000 Iraqi civilian deaths in a war zone since the invasion six years ago stands in stark contrast.

Iraq is so off the radar right now that the 24-hour media can go a full cycle without mentioning the country. Is Iraq won? No, hardly. You can't build a problem-proof democracy in six years. Ours is well over 200 and we have plenty of problems to work on, one of which I mentioned above. But is Iraq better off now than it was a year ago? You bet. Is it better off now than it was just after the 2003 invasion? You bet. Is it better off now than it was before the invasion? That has yet to be seen, but in the coming years I firmly believe the answer will be another sound: "you bet."

Now the focus turns to Afghanistan, for which Obama has proposed a similar troop surge. Interestingly, Democrats are remaining silent. Perhaps they've learned to listen to the generals rather than play politics. In fact, the smartest thing Obama has done so far foreign policy-wise is keeping Robert Gates on as Defense Secretary. Gates will be instrumental in working with the Afghans to end the fighting there.

But the problem itself does not rest solely with Afghanistan. In fact the problem with Afghanistan is not with Afghanistan at all. Attention must be turned to Pakistan. In the past few months, foreign policy experts and politicians have cautiously begun referring to Pakistan as in danger of becoming a failed state. The term "failed state" is one Americans have seen before: most recently

Afghanistan and before that, Somalia. Our involvement in these failed states appears inevitable and sadly, that involvement typically results in the deaths of American soldiers. Pakistan could very much become the next Afghanistan and we must take preventative measures.

Fortunately, Obama has encouraged continued air strikes into the western mountains, the expected hideout of Osama bin Laden himself.

Of course, this always brings up issues with national sovereignty. However, national sovereignty has very little meaning when the discussion turns to failed states; they are much like the Wild West when it comes to foreign policy. But Pakistan has not yet failed, so sovereignty rules still apply.

One might argue that if Pakistan fails in some sort of military coup or simply collapses internally, then we would have free reign in attacking that territory. Perhaps so, but we very much need

Pakistan to remain stable. We have familiarity with the concept of failed states, but failed states with an arsenal of nuclear weapons is a whole other problem.

The proximity of the remnants of al Qaeda's leadership to those weapons is disturbingly close, and for that reason we cannot allow Pakistan to collapse. There's no telling who else might control those weapons besides al Qaeda if Pakistan fails. We might be able to destroy al Qaeda, but at the same time, we would give birth to an even greater enemy.

I'm rather pleased to see Obama taking a hard line against al Qaeda, but support must also be given to Pakistan. Diplomacy needs to be undertaken in order to receive Pakistani support for American missile strikes against potential terror camps.

Furthermore, it is much easier to keep an eye on Pakistan's nuclear weapons arsenal if the state is intact, even if we are not on the friendliest of terms with its government. It is simply a power-balancing policy, and one I think Obama needs to seriously consider it.

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Student launches entrepreneurship club *Club introduces others to the world of business*

Oren Riback
Voice Staff

Are you tired of your job? Have you ever wanted to run your own business one day? A new club on campus hopes to work with aspiring entrepreneurs, spreading awareness about the possibilities of starting and running a business.

The Wooster Entrepreneur Club works in tandem with the College's Center for Entrepreneurship to let students know about the resources available to them in a wide range of business endeavors. According to its Web site, the Center "is committed to promoting creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship at The College of Wooster." Its projects include sponsoring entrepreneurial contests, bringing guest speakers to the College and adding new entrepreneurship-based courses to the College catalogue.

The group arose from one student's perceived need to spread awareness about the Center's resources. Patryk Tenorio '11 was a regular at the Center, and was also selected as a finalist in the Center's entrepreneurial contest this spring for his business, Calvary Records and Apparel.

He felt, however, that the Center wasn't appealing broadly enough. "Last year I felt like I was the

only one taking advantage of the Center of Entrepreneurship," he said.

In the true entrepreneurial spirit, toward the end of fall semester he decided to create a club to encourage other students to participate in the Center and begin to initiate their own projects.

"More and more students are getting involved," commented Tenorio, who now serves as the club's president.

Currently about 20 students have joined the entrepreneurship club, and Elizabeth Sakach '11,

only one taking advantage of the Center of Entrepreneurship," he said. Local lawyers came to talk about the legal issues related to starting a business, and plans are in the works for dinners in April at The Wooster Inn featuring marketing and entrepreneurial speakers.

"We are looking in to getting some big-name speakers to come to Wooster," Tenorio said, including the possibility of Sir Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Group Ltd., or one of the founders of the microblog Twitter.

The club also works on projects around campus.

One involves starting a weekly shuttle service between the campus and downtown Cleveland. The details are still being worked out, but this would offer students the ability to regularly experience a city and get out of the Wooster bubble for a day.

Another project is the promotion, post-Seattle's, of a bar/coffeshop scene as an alternative to the Underground, where students can socialize and drink both alcohol and coffee.

While the entrepreneurship club is still in its early days, it has some big ideas, and as Tenorio said, "people should take advantage of it."

For more information on the Center for Entrepreneurship and its activities, please visit <http://www.wooster.edu/entrepreneurship/>

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PATRYK TENORIO '11

WOOSTER ENTREPRENEUR CLUB PRESIDENT

the only other officer, serves as treasurer.

"President and treasurer, that is all we need right now," said Tenorio, explaining the need to stay efficient and not bog themselves down with added bureaucracy as the club gains visibility.

Tenorio encourages other students interested in either the club or the Center to attend one of the weekly meetings, which are held on Fridays at 3 p.m. at the Center in Morgan Hall, room 301.

Recently, speakers have come to engage stu-

VOLUNTEER INSIGHT

During the second week of spring break, I had the opportunity to travel to Montgomery, West Virginia with 23 other College of Wooster students.



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Ryan Baum of Americorps Vista led the trip with the help of their student leaders AungMaw MyoLwin '10 and Marianne Sierocinski '11. The trip was sponsored by the

Wooster Volunteer Network (WVN), the International Student Association (ISA) and Circle K.

We worked for the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps under Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and stayed at Montgomery Presbyterian Church for the entirety of the week. Before the 1960s, Montgomery was a prosperous town of 100,000 that relied on its only industry: coal mining. However, major coal mining corporations closed down the mines, leaving residents with few jobs.

Montgomery is now a town of roughly 2,000, with nearly 40 percent of the population living below the poverty line. Very few cars were ever on the street. The busiest parts of town were the parking lots of the two dollar stores.

Over the course of the week, the group completed myriad of projects at several different work sites.

The first work site was the home of Mrs. Pratt, a woman in her 80s who is almost entirely blind, too disabled and poor to complete renovations on her home. Like many residents of Montgomery, Mrs. Pratt could not afford needed repairs on her house. The group worked diligently to lay a laminate floor in her kitchen and to paint the walls of her house a lighter color to brighten the rooms.

Back at the church, the other half of the group constructed a wall in order to help the congregation save money on heating costs. We painted a mural to represent The College of Wooster, complete with a MacLeod border! Students also spent time organizing the "Crisis Closet," a room that stored donated items collected for those community members in need.

On another morning, we helped a group of congregation members serve breakfast to the community.

Being able to spend time with community members, especially the Pratts, was so meaningful. Knowing the people we were working for added a personal element to our work. It certainly motivated me to do the best work possible for such a deserving group of people.

Our time in West Virginia was not all spent on manual labor. We were fortunate to have two days off, during which we spent time hiking and enjoying the beautiful scenery that West Virginia had to offer.

On one of the days we hiked a trail that led us to spectacular views of the New River Gorge. It was hard to believe that such extreme poverty existed in the incredible landscape.

It was amazing how close our group became in just a short time. The combination of international and American students created a unique experience, with each person offering a different perspective on the social issues we dealt with and the work we completed.

Many international students expressed gratitude at being able to see an America that was very different from their college experience, and some were quite surprised that these levels of poverty existed here.

The diversity in our group also had an effect on our program leaders, Joan and Tim Stewart, who expressed great appreciation for our hard work and everything that our group taught them. Tim, who has never traveled outside the country, really seemed appreciative of his interactions with the international contingent of our group.

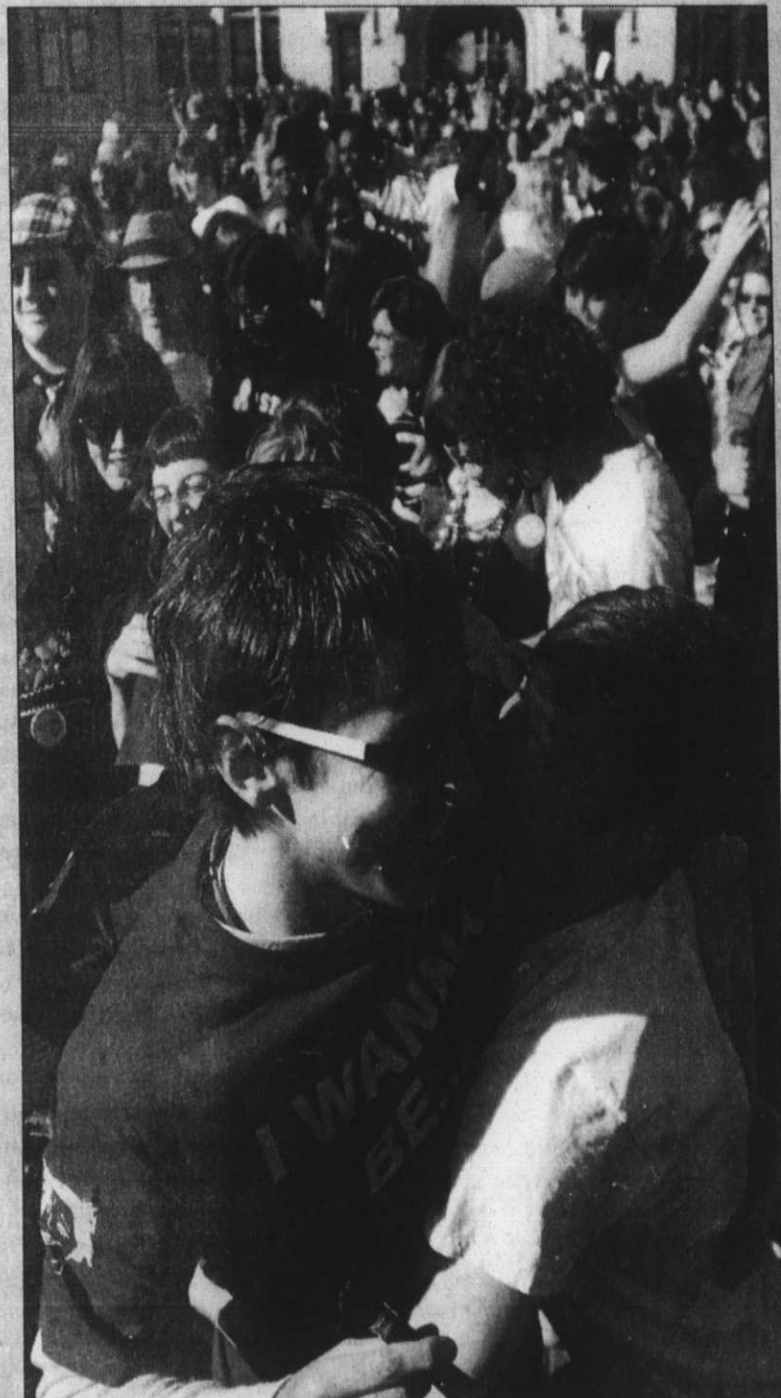
Our experience in West Virginia was a rewarding and fun way to spend spring break.

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Class of 2009's Independent Studies Parade is all about class



Above (from left to right), Maaz Khan '11, Omar Atassi '11, Anoop Parik '09 and Rishabh Bhandari '09 enjoy the taste of success and cigars as they make their way towards Kittredge Hall for the upcoming celebration dinner (Photo by Maureen Sill).



Above, Rick Workman '10 embraces friend Bryan Loy '09 as they march from Kauke Arch in the I.S. Parade. Above right, Casey Henry '11 and Paul Seling '09 stop to pose for a picture before munching on pizza in Kittredge. At right, the sun begins to set, but the day is still far from over for most of the triumphant seniors (Photos by Maureen Sill).



“Molecules that Matter” on display in Ebert

Maggie Donnelly
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The art exhibition “Molecules that Matter” opened at the College of Wooster’s Ebert Art Center on March 24, a collaborative effort of Raymond J. Gigure, professor of chemistry at Skidmore College, and John S. Weber, Dayton director of the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Gallery at Skidmore.

It features large-scale representations of chemical combinations discovered in the 20th century that have had a wide-spread impact on all of humanity.

Today at 12 p.m. in Ebert Jimmy Wilkenson Meyer will be giving a talk called Fashioning the Pill about the development and effects of the widespread use of the birth control pill in the 20th century.

Gigure and Weber chose specific molecules that represent the remarkable revolution of science over the last 100 years to open a discussion on the impacts these changes have made on human beings.

The curators, with the help of a volunteer scientific advisory board comprised of scientific professionals and the Chemical Heritage Foundation in



Biology as art in Ebert Art Center (Photo by Sarah Harbottle).

Philadelphia, selected organic molecules that had a significant impact on humanity during the 20th century. Some of these include penicillin, Prozac, aspirin, isooctane, nylon, polyethylene, DNA, progesterin, DDT and buckyball and carbon nanotubes.

“In the 20th century, our knowledge of substances at the molecular level has significantly refined our world — even life itself,” said Gigure.

“Our goal is to open visitors’ minds to the role of molecular chemistry in all our lives, to provoke new insights and to make the invisible world of molecules visible.”

The exhibition also features the work of other nationally and internationally recognized artists that offer commentary on the impacts the advancement of science has had throughout the past century.

An installation of stacked, empty prescription bottles in the shape of stalactites and stalagmites called “Chemical Balance-2” by Jean Shin highlights society’s reliance on prescription drugs to solve all ailments.

Additionally, a series of semi-synthetic marble sculptures of genetically engineered mouse strains called “Anger,” “Gluttony” and “Sloth” by Bryan Crockett depict the ethical questions that are raised through advancement of science.

Lastly, there are historical artifacts, including items from gas stations where isooctane was first introduced, wartime posters about the importance of penicillin, photos of women lifting up their skirts to show off their nylon stockings and photos that chronicle the evolution of the Bayer Aspirin brand.

“Molecules that Matter” makes its third of four national stops at Wooster and will be in Ebert Art Center until May 10.

The exhibition was brought to Wooster through a generous bequest from Muriel Mulac Kozlow, a member of the Class of 1948, the Julia Schoolroy Halloran Fund endowment, Wooster’s Cultural Events Committee and the Ohio Arts Council.

SPOTLIGHT

I have been having some “issues” with Facebook these days. Actually, my problems have been mounting since 2005, but were recently brought to my attention when I was reminded of the Web site’s central founder, Mark Zuckerberg.



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Facebook rocked my world during my younger years, and I developed a

strong respect for the genius responsible for my falling grades and lack of sleep.

After friending Mark my first year at Wooster, when my enthusiasm for the site was blossoming with each new wall post, I was confident that my blatant display of admiration would warrant an acceptance of my request. Four years later, my friend request is still “pending,” and my anger toward this pompous Internet mogul is rapidly growing.

My disappointment was only furthered when I joined MySpace (in an attempt to protest Facebook) and realized that, within minutes, I had been friended by its founder — some guy named Tom who appears to be incredibly high-spirited. I appreciated Tom’s welcome, especially because I was new to the MySpace scene, and therefore unsure of how to build my network in the unfamiliar world. Tom’s support gave me confidence, and even though I never have and never ever will interact with this mystery man, I will find it impossible to forget his kindness.

Begrudgingly, I had to close my MySpace account because the strangers that kept contacting me shared startling resemblances to the regulars on America’s Most Wanted. I rejoined Facebook — believing that it was better to keep my enemies closer anyway. If I wanted to get revenge on the man, I would have to work from within the system. I debated writing Mark a message, asking why he refused my humble gesture of friendship, but I thought such an act might alert suspicion to the conspiracy I was determined to set in motion.

I did, however, notice that Mark’s new profile picture was drastically different than the one I remembered in 2005. Fame looks good on him, I thought to myself as I noticed his tailored black blazer and smile that seems to say “F*** all of you that stuffed me into my locker during high school.” I couldn’t help but wonder, however, if he was truly happy with his new lifestyle — or if, perhaps, his friend list was lacking one vital member: the only Facebooker that could truly understand him.

I couldn’t let my emotions stand in the way of my thirst for revenge. How could I express the sadness felt by his rejection? Maybe I’d join a Facebook group that protested his policies. Little did I know that while searching for this, I’d find one that protested his very existence.

The group entitled “KILL MARK ZUCKERBERG” shared my fervor, but was too extreme. That I knew. The fact that these people possessed the nerve to create such an insult on the Web site of the man they were insulting was intriguing, though, and I decided to look at the page. The text was in Italian, maybe some sorry attempt at disguising the sacred scripture. It proved no match for my Google translator, and within an extremely suspenseful two minutes, I decoded the mission statement: “Kill that genie named by German fennel.” Turns out the group was exactly as strange as it seemed, and I quickly exited the page.

I’m still holding on to the belief that Mr. Zuckerberg may accept my friend request this year, as his long awaited, highly anticipated, graduation gift to me. I’ve been with you since your company was only worth five million.

I had faith in you before you had fan clubs, I think as I take a drag of my cigarette, slightly shaking with the haunting memories of yesteryear. I look out my cold chamber window onto desolate nothingness. How could I have become so vulnerable?

I go onto Facebook and look once more at his picture, hoping — no praying — that Mark Zuckerberg may show up on my mini feed.

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Senior I.S. art exhibitions a return to childhood

Molly Lehman
Editor in Chief

From Seuss to monsters, doodles to Shel Silverstein, a return to childhood experiences thematically unites the two senior art exhibitions being shown in Ebert Art Center through today. The exhibitions are part of a month-long series featuring this year’s Independent Study projects in studio art.

Danielle Killinger’s ‘09 exhibition “Cryptohomnology” arose out of her early interest in monster movies and crime shows.

“When I was little, I watched all sorts of horror movies and crime shows ... and I felt empathetic towards the criminals,” she said. “All humans are monsters, and they were just expressing emotion differently along a continuum of normalcy.”

The project reflects Killinger’s desire to explore and complicate the division between humans and monsters. Three separate but visually similar sculptures each explore an element of human psychology or neuroses. In one, a baby-like monster begs to be held from his crib, demonstrating the human need for attachment. Then Killinger points out the acrylic human remnants in the crib, too. In this case, the “baby’s” attachment is so strong that he kills those who leave him.

“It’s about the line between humans

and monsters,” said Killinger, who studied psychology theories about attachment styles, eating disorders, anxieties and compulsory behavior for the project. “It’s basically a reflection of human emotion, pushed to an extreme.”

Each of the three sculptures is accompanied by a short poem, partly inspired by Killinger’s love of the children’s poet Shel Silverstein and intended to explain the psychology behind each piece. The “baby,” for instance, is supplemented by a poem titled “Lonesome Lorgat.”

“He loves to have company/and quickly becomes attached,” part of the poem reads, “the problem comes with leaving/When his emotions are unlatched.”

For Killinger, the poems have become an essential part of the way her project is understood. “I think they help the viewer connect with the monsters, and I feel that the poems are just as important as the pieces,” she said.

The project is intended to disturb and surprise even as it humanizes the creatures, said Killinger.

“My ideal [audience response], which pretty much happened, is that I wanted to audience to look around,



Memories of horror-movie monsters were the inspiration for many of Killinger’s pieces (Photos by Sarah Harbottle).

think it’s weird and creepy, they don’t really like it — and then they read the concept of it, or read the poems, and understand or connect to the monsters.”

The second senior presenting her I.S. project in Ebert this week is Shayna Cohn ‘09, whose sunny, polychromatic series,

“The Whimsy of a Wandering Whatsit,” was the result of a lifelong fascination with simple doodling.

“I basically went through my notebooks, childhood notebooks, and found all these tiny drawings and blew them up, and then just explored the endless possibilities,” she said.

The media used for the exhibit varies considerably, with watercolor, colored pencil and acrylic paint used on a multitude of surfaces like drafting paper, canvas and metal.

“The idea is that the images transcend all surfaces because they’re images that come from my mind, and can be imposed on any surface,” Cohn said. During its opening reception on March 29, the exhibition even featured animated computer art by Cohn that echoed her themes of line and color.

Indeed, central to Cohn’s vision is

ART REVIEW: SENIOR I.S. EXHIBITIONS



Above, “Lorgat the Lonesome” by Danielle Killinger.

Wooster Chorus presents original repertoire at annual Spring concert



Last Saturday, the Wooster Chorus, under the direction of Professor of Music Gregory Brown, performed their spring tour repertoire for the college and the community in McGaw Chapel. The performance included compositions by Brown, Professor of Music Jack Gallagher and Paul Winchester ’11, a member of the chorus (Photo courtesy Kyle Thomas).

ARTS IN BRIEF

LOCAL

**Akron Art Museum
hosts film festival**

The Akron Film Festival will be held in the Akron Art Museum's Charles and Jane Lehner Auditorium from April 2-5.

The festival will run in three segments. The first will be short films from around the world. The second segment will feature short films from Northeast Ohio.

The opening night feature will be Nina Paley's "Sita Sings the Blues" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 2. The movie is an "astonishingly original" interpretation of the Indian epic "Ramayana" and is set to the 1920s jazz vocals of Annette Hanshaw. The film festival will also feature the return of the 48-Hour Video challenge and will offer new educational workshops.

NATIONAL

**Vatican announces
boycott of 'Angels'**

The Vatican is reportedly calling for all Catholics to boycott Tom Hanks' upcoming film "Angels and Demons," according to the Associated Press. In this film, Hanks will revisit the role of Robert Langdon, hero of the smash literary hit "The Da Vinci Code."

"Angels and Demons" is Dan Brown's prequel to the "Code," in which Langdon (Hanks) attempts to save the Vatican from being destroyed by a small canister of anti-matter.

Vatican spokesman Father Marco Fabbri stated, "Usually we read the script but in this case it wasn't necessary. Just the name Dan Brown was enough."

In 2006, the Vatican urged for a similar boycott of "The Da Vinci Code" deeming it as "slandering" toward the Catholic faith as it calls into question many of the religion's central tenets.

Crystal Williams presents reading of poetry

Scholar focuses on honesty, wit in poetic language

Gillian Daniels
Voice Staff

The poet Crystal Williams read from her collection, "Tangled Tongues" this Tuesday, March 31 at 8 p.m. in Gault Recital Hall. Her visit was part of the Black Scholar in Residence Program, which was sponsored by the Office of Multi-

ethnic Student Affairs. Williams first visited The College of Wooster in 2003.

Before she began reading at the podium, the students sitting furthest away were invited to sit closer. The atmosphere became more intimate with each poem she read.

In both her poetry and personality, Williams radiates not just confidence

but a sense of balance. She began with "Playground Ars Poetica," a piece that expresses her signature playfulness and preoccupation with finding the candor behind words.

Williams looks for honesty. Though she enjoys playing with cleverness and wit, in a classroom setting she admits a preoccupation with content over form. She utilizes language, in both writing and teaching, the way it's meant to be used: to name the unnamable. Her poetry doesn't just string together pretty words, but works hard to find and communicate ideas.

"Tangled Tongues," Williams explained, was originally titled "Parable." Most of the poems in the collection, she said, reflected her obsession with maxims and aphorisms. Despite her involvement with language, the poems she read Tuesday night were about more than clever wordplay.

"How to Become a Black Woman," for example, makes an intimate "how-to" guide out of the autobiographical and emotional experiences of being adopted by a white woman. Williams read a memorable line in which she describes, after being bullied by her African-American peers in school, going home and "clipping sharp wings from words, leaving only the round belly."

Williams' complex relationship with race is also reflected in "Race Card," where she turns the phrase, so often used in the 2008 presidential election, into a physical object. In the poem, a student writes to her professor, asking if she can have her "race card" exchanged as she no longer needs it. The piece is also

inspired by Williams' career as a professor at Reed College in Portland, Ore. It takes a thoughtful look at her students and this generation's ideas of race.

"Telegram" also addresses the setting of the classroom. She discourages amateur poets from using conventions of classical imagery when composing their work.

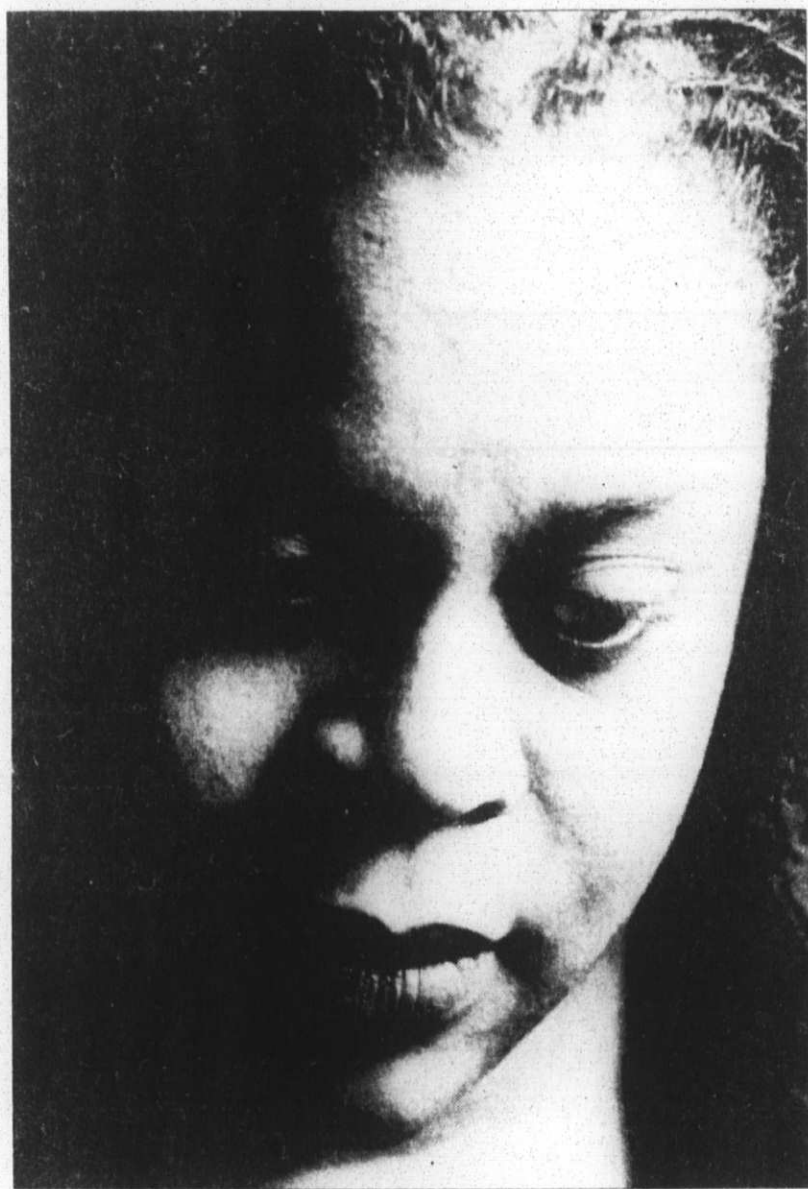
"The old guys have retired," she announces. She describes how Hades has a job at the Krispy Kreme and Poseidon is in a retirement home, and that they, among other Greek gods of antiquity, are content and do not need to be written about.

Williams works to find further life behind conventions with the poem, "The Wives' Tales." She personifies maxims like, "Oh no you didn't," "Don't Cry," and "God don't like ugly," giving them personality, shape and renewed purpose. The poem exemplifies the sensitivity and awareness that she puts into her craft.

The release of "Tangled Tongues" in February of this year has been met with praise. It was short-listed for the Idaho Prize and chosen for the 2009 Long Madgett Poetry Award.

Williams has also received fellowships from the Barbara Deming/Money for Women Fund and the Oregon Arts Commission. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from New York University and a Master of Fine Arts from Cornell University.

The College of Wooster looks forward to Crystal Williams' next visit, evident from the length of the applause at Tuesday night's reading.



Crystal Williams performed this Tuesday (Photo courtesy OPI).

POETRY REVIEW: CRYSTAL WILLIAMS

Birthdays This Week



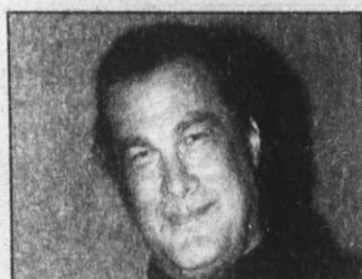
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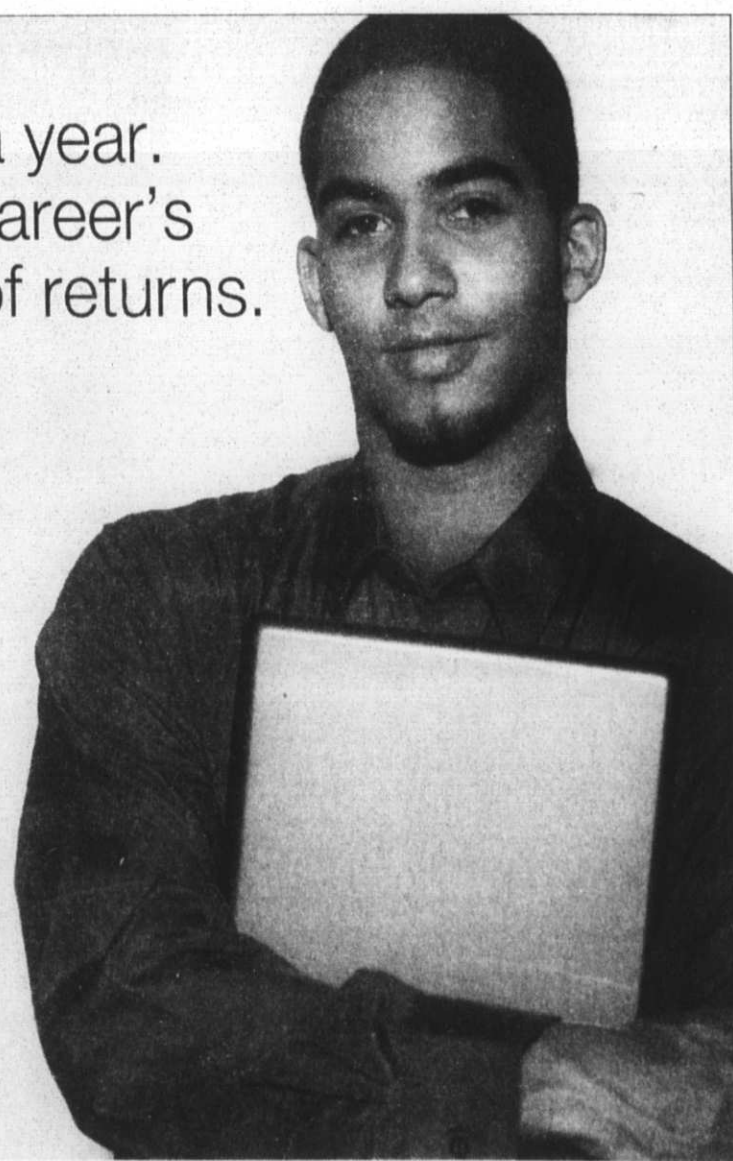
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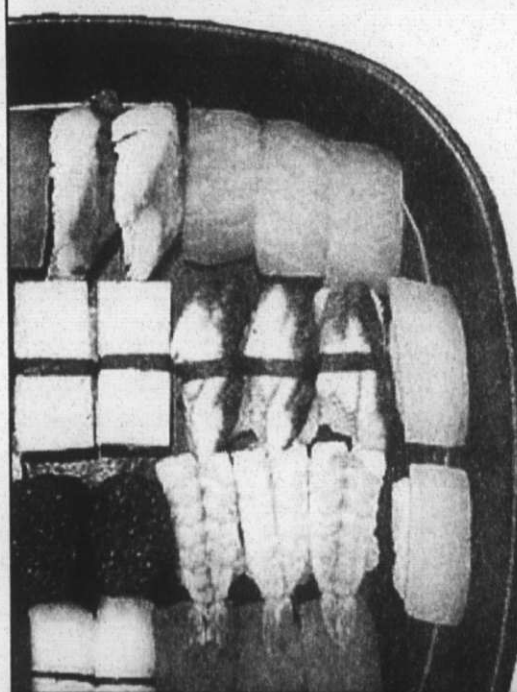
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FINAL FOUR CROSSFIRE: Huskies v. Spartans

While Spartans have a nice story, Huskies will be top dogs

Yes, Michigan State's run to the Final Four this year is the most uplifting story for the state of Michigan in a year that's been about as crummy as an Ashton Kutcher movie. Yes, the final round of the NCAA Tournament is being played in Detroit — the



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Spartans will essentially be playing in front of home crowds at Ford Field. Michigan State must be feeling like a team of destiny right now. However, Michigan State's chances in this one are about to go the way of the auto industry.

Michigan State has had a fine run so far. Louisville, the supposed team to beat, looked bamboozled against the Spartans' physical defense. However, Connecticut has looked like the most complete team in this field — including North Carolina.

The Huskies have looked unbeatable so far. The only team that has been able to keep it close against Jim Calhoun's squad was Missouri. The Huskies simply have too much talent and are too balanced.

The talk all starts inside. The 7-3 center Hasheem Thabeet is likely a lottery pick next year and is perhaps the best interior defender in the country. He blocks plenty of shots in the post and alters dozens more.

The Spartans were able to win against the Cards in large part due to Goran Suton's inside heroics — he pitched in 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against a perimeter-oriented Louisville club. He'll be hard-pressed to get a double-double against the premier post player in college basketball.

Thabeet will be the X-factor in this game — the Spartans will have to be able to get production inside to hang with the Huskies for 40 minutes. Getting production inside against Louisville is one thing. Getting it against Connecticut is quite another.

Michigan State will need production inside because it will be hard-pressed to get it on the perimeter. Guard A.J. Price, who's suffered more injuries than a MASH unit in his time at Connecticut, is finally healthy — and it shows. Price has averaged 20 points per game in this tournament. If the Spartans can't contain Price on the outside, Thabeet might as well read up on his draft status during the game. Price is possibly the most dangerous perimeter player in this tournament aside from North Carolina's Ty Lawson. If Price shoots the lights out against Michigan State, at least Michigan State won't have to travel very far to get home to Lansing.

While Tom Izzo is a great coach in his own right, Jim Calhoun may be the best in the business. Calhoun orchestrated the Huskies' great upset of Duke in 1999 — beating possibly the most talented college basketball team ever assembled. For extra credit, he did it again in 2004 against Georgia Tech. Calhoun is one of the best big game basketball coaches out there.

The styles in this game will be drastically different — Connecticut will speed it up and play an up-tempo game against the bruising Spartans, while Michigan State will look to grind it out in the same way that they did against Louisville. While the Spartans are certainly as tough as anybody, the interior presences of Thabeet, Stanley Robinson and Jeff Adrien will be unlike anything the Spartans have seen.

The Spartans make for a nice story. As much as the state of Michigan has been through for the past 12 months, an NCAA championship would make a bumper year a tad sweeter. After the Lions' 0-16 season and the Tiger's epic flop, sports haven't done a whole lot better than General Motors this year. The Spartans will be playing with house money in this one. However, if the Spartans can't slow down the Huskies' perimeter game, the wheels of this Cinderella story might come unhinged.

Spartans will not surrender playing in their own backyard

The Michigan State Spartans were given a slim chance of reaching this year's Final Four — they were slightly better than the Lions' chances of a winning season. The Louisville Cardinals were supposedly unbeatable. Tom Izzo's club is now playing in the Final



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Four — being held in their own backyard in Detroit — with house money. North Carolina and Connecticut are the two most talented teams in the nation. Here's the kicker, though. The Spartans have a good shot at winning. Not just against the Huskies, but the whole enchilada.

To recap the Spartans' run through the tourney, they started out pounding Robert Morris 77-62. They then moved on to play a very athletic Southern California team that kept the game close until the end, as the Spartans pulled away 74-69 in the game's final minutes. Next came the biggest test so far for the Spartans, as they went up against the defending champs in Kansas, whom they had beaten earlier in the regular season.

After falling behind by 13 in the first half, the Spartans rallied to tie, and then held off the Jayhawks in the final minutes behind 16 for 17 free throws and knocking down on defense. That 67-62 win set them up with a date against the Cardinals last Sunday. That proved to be less of a challenge than many 'experts' believed, as Louisville looked like they were playing with lead shoes after halftime. And now, the Spartans face arguably one of the best fast-break teams in the country in UConn.

Now, how can I possibly think that the Spartans, who have played inconsistently all through the regular season — they got beat 98-63 by the Tar Heels for crying out loud — have a chance in heck of winning the title? Simple. Their personnel.

Tom Izzo screams himself hoarse while running up and down in front of his bench giving directions to his players every game. Goran Suton is a dominating force under the basket and who can also sink baskets from outside the arc. Kalin Lucas provides a steady hand at the helm and who can work magic when necessary. Travis Walton is beast on defense, earning Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors this season. Raymar Morgan, Durrell Summers, and Chris Allen round out the starting lineup as forces on both ends of the court. And I haven't even touched the Spartan bench, which is among the deepest in college basketball.

Now look at the other teams. UConn has Thabeet, who can be a problem for opponents under the basket if he manages to shoot well. A.J. Price can also work his magic from the point guard position, he moves the ball well around the floor, and his shot is beautiful. 'Nova can't seem to miss, and is running on all cylinders. UNC is playing the way pundits predicted at the beginning of the season. They simply have too many talented horses for anyone else to catch up with.

The Spartans definitely have their work cut out for them, no question about it. But when Michigan State won their last title in 2000, they played a Florida Gator team in the championship that greatly resembled the aspects of many of the teams in this year's Final Four. The Gators could run, shoot and defend as good or better than anyone in the country, much as UNC/UConn/Nova are all proving. However, the Spartans were able to wear down and break the Gators' vaunted attack with their physical toughness, a calm, commanding leader in Mateen Cleaves, and explosive scoring from Morris Peterson.

MSU has all the weapons to counter the like of UConn, Nova and UNC. Izzo has taught them to be physically and mentally tough by outfitting them in football pads in practice to do rebounding drills and to pick themselves up after each stumble during the season.

These lessons will serve the Spartans well in the final games, as they know that no matter what the score at halftime says, or what players are on the other team, or what the analysts say about their chances given such and such a statistic, nothing is beyond accomplishing. To quote Leonidas, "Spartans never retreat! Spartans never surrender!"



Illustration by Jessica Marsh.

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Scots top No. 15 Marietta in extra innings



Matt DeGrand '10 gave up six runs in just over four innings in his start against Marietta (Photo by Sateesh Venkatesh).

Sara Brown
Sports Editor

With their season halfway home, the Fighting Scots baseball team record so far is 20-3 overall and 8-0 in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) East Division. "Overall, I am pleased with the way we have started the season," said head coach Tim Pettorini. "You never really know how things will start or end up, but I really thought that we had some very good talent [and] that if they meshed together would have a chance to be successful. So far, we have done that."

During the college's spring break, the team traveled to Florida where they played almost half of their

games for the season. All three of the teams losses came while playing in Florida. According to Pettorini, Florida is a great opportunity for the team because they have two weeks of great weather to be able to play baseball and it also provides team with bonding.

"Either you build great chemistry and bond or you're ready to kill each other," said Pettorini. "Fortunately, most years our guys hit it off and really enjoy the time and experience with each other."

The Scots will be hitting the road in a slew of upcoming away games. While on the road, they will play their final conference games of the NCAC East Division, against Kenyon College and Hiram College.

"Winning conference is our top priority," said coach Pettorini. "Every goal we hope to attain this year starts by winning our conference. So those games will be key."

Not only is it important for the Scots to perform well to beat both Kenyon and Hiram, but their other goal is to win as many non-conference games as possible — even though their non-conference schedule is extremely tough.

"Post-season bids and national rankings are definitely impacted by wins or losses in those games, as well as conference games, so we want to do as well as possible in non-conference games too," said coach Pettorini. Beating any Ohio conference school can also help the team with their post-season bid and national ranking.

Not only do the Scots have a tough remaining schedule, but they will have to do this without pitcher Matt Barnes '10. Coach Pettorini was unable to give any specifics about Barnes' injury due to privacy laws, but he did state that Barnes will be out for the remainder of the season. This will be a devastating blow for the Scots since Barnes is the ace of the staff.

"The loss of Matt is really tough. Not only is he an outstanding pitcher and pitching is so important in baseball, but he is a key member in the make up of our team," said Pettorini. "He's very outgoing and [is] someone a lot of our younger players could look to for help. We are going to fill his spot with several players because I doubt if one player could take his place in the rotation."

This is going to be a time for the Scots to find out the strength and depth of their pitchers. While Pettorini was confident at the beginning of the season that their pitching depth would be close to the top of its game, this is the time in the season where the Scots will find out how deep they really are on the mound. Pettorini added that even some first-

years would probably see playing time, including Josh Stidham '12, Dan O'Brien '12, Landon Wahl '12 and Kyle Cunningham Rhoads '12.

The good news for the Scots is that Barnes will be back next season. "Matt will be fine, he will just miss about six months recovering," said Pettorini.

The Scots had a home game on Wednesday before they take to the road this weekend. They played Marietta College at 4 p.m. The final score of the game, which went into extra innings, was 11-10 Wooster.

In the top of the 10th inning, Saunders scored for Marietta bringing the score to 9-10. With Wooster trailing by one in the bottom of the 10th, the Scots had some more offense left in them to tie the game back up to 10 all.

Shane Swearingen '10 singled to right field on one out. Wood pinch ran for Swearingen and Vesco pinch hit for Meinzer. Vesco singled up the middle and Wood advanced to third. Pie' then pinch ran for Vesco. John Warren '09 singled to center field and Wood scored for the Scots. Luke Sutton '10 and Stu Beath '10 both flied out.

In the top of the 11th inning, the Scots were able to hold the Grizzlies off from scoring. Wooster came up to bat for the final time in the game and produced one more run in order to clinch the victory.

Matt Johnson '10 got a base on balls with one out. Pierce singled to left field, advancing Johnson to second. DeBord struck out, but Johnson stole third and put himself in prime scoring position for the Scots. Wyman pinch hit for Tanner Hall and angled up the middle, driving in Johnson for the game winning run.

The Fighting Scots began their road trip against Baldwin-Wallace College on Thursday, April 2 at 4 p.m. They next take on Hiram today and tomorrow away. Both games will begin at 1 p.m.

FRIDAY CONVERSATION

Mark Weschler '09 is well on his way to setting a school record for the number of goals scored in a season. Editor-in-Chief Sydney Bender talked with Weschler about the lacrosse team.



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SB: As an all-star, the leader of the Wooster men's lacrosse team, you have been on the team for four years and have gotten a good grasp on how the team works together. How do you believe the offense is playing this season, in comparison to the past three seasons?

MW: I feel we are starting to click more as a cohesive unit. We have incredible talent on offense and now we are starting to display that talent in games. We struggled at times in the beginning of the season, and during our spring break trip, but now we are certainly clicking.

SB: How do you feel the team has improved in the past four years?

MW: It is undeniable how much this team has improved since I have been here. Not to say when I got here our team wasn't good, but the talent that has been brought to Wooster has exponentially gotten better. The greater the talent means the more competitive practices, which ultimately makes a great lacrosse team.

SB: What has been your biggest challenge this season?

MW: The biggest challenge is that this team is so young that big games may become overbearing, especially since there are numerous starters who are freshmen. I was nervous when I started my freshman year, but I had older friends on the team that helped me become more relaxed before big games.

Men's lacrosse team rights ship in 18-7 victory over St. Vincent

Sara Brown
Sports Editor

The College of Wooster men's lacrosse team took on North Coast Athletic Conference foe Denison University last Saturday in Granville, Oh. Denison is ranked No. 16 in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (UNULA) for Div. III schools while Wooster is unranked.

The Scots were not expected to win the game, but they ended up only losing the match by one goal with a final score of 8-7.

This was the first NCAC match for the Scots, while Denison was playing in their second NCAC match. With their win over Wooster, the Big Red took big strides towards clinching the NCAC Conference title for the 2009 season. Denison is heavily favored to win the title this season.

Toward the end of the third quarter, Wooster trailed by 5-3. With only 13 seconds left in the third quarter, Denison scored another goal, making the score 6-3 heading into the final quarter of the match.

Mark Weschler '09 and Joe Sulliman '11 and scored a pair of unanswered goals for the Fighting Scots bringing them to within one of the Big Red. However, Denison rallied in two more goals from Emmett Jones and Alex Hardt opening up the score to 8-5.

With 4:20 left in the fourth quarter of the match, Wooster scored two unanswered goals within 56 seconds of each other. The goals came from Weschler and Pat Coyne '10. At the buzzer, Wooster had one final opportunity to tie the game. However, the shot that would've tied the game sailed just wide of the net.

For the Scots, Weschler led the way with three goals and moved his total of the season to 18 goals. Also helping out were Coyne, with two goals and one assist, and Alex Mies '10, with two assists. First-year goalie Corey McGann '12 had 17 saves on the day for Wooster.

The Scots next took on St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. In the first quarter, Wooster tallied two goals for the only scoring of the quarter.

In the second, the Bearcats attempted to comeback, but the Scots answered every time and entered into halftime with an 8-3 cushion.

In the third quarter, St. Vincent's pulled to within three points with a score of 8-5 with only three minutes left in the quarter. Unfortunately for the Bearcats, Wooster scored two unanswered goals in the final 39 seconds of the game. Those two goals led to a game clinching 7-0 run by the Scots.

Mies had a career high eight

points for the Scots: four goals and four assists. Weschler scored five goals for the third time this season while Coyne has his second two goal three assist game for Wooster this season.

Matt Pullara '11 also contributed three goals, one assist and 14-of-16 face off wins. McGann had six saves on the day before being pulled out halfway through the fourth quarter. Graham Zimmerman '11 paced everyone with five groundballs.

The men's lacrosse team next faces Adrian College at home on April 8 at 4 p.m. After their game against Adrian, the Scots only have four games left, all of which are NCAC opponents.



Alex Mies '10 scored a career-high eight points Tuesday in the win over St. Vincent University (Photo courtesy OPI).

Women's lax team loses two games on the road

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Arts & Entertainment Editor

The College of Wooster women's lacrosse team, led by head coach Liz Ford and assistant coach Stephanie Linder, fell to 3-3 after two away games against Fredonia State University and Nazareth College in western New York last weekend.

Friday's match ended in a 10-9 loss after two overtime periods. The Fredonia Blue Devils (4-0) led 7-3 at halftime, and closed the half with four unanswered goals in 15 minutes. The Scots returned four goals immediately after halftime in a span of 7:39. During this period Carley Carey '09 scored two goals, one of them assisted by Nina Dine '11.

Dine later scored two unassisted goals in the final 8:14 of regulation to make the score 9-9 and send the Scots and Blue Devils into overtime. Neither team was able to overcome the opposition during the first overtime, which took the game into a second overtime period. Fredonia's Emily Fink ended the game by scoring for the Blue Devils 1:12 into the second overtime period.

Carey and Dine were key players and each recorded a hat trick and assist throughout the game. Hillary Darragh '09, Becca Worthington '10 and Jill Lee '11 scored one goal each.

The Scots fell to Nazareth College in an 18-13 count in Saturday's matchup, which featured an offensive shootout. In the high-scoring game, the Golden Fliers (4-2) led 9-7 before

a six-goal scoring streak in the span of 9:33 increased their lead to 15-7.

The Scots answered by scoring five of the next seven goals to decrease the gap to 17-12, including two goals by Jess Cleveland '10.

Dine led the offense with four goals and two assists, while Cleveland and Taryn Higgins '09 had three goals each. Carey, Darragh, Worthington and Katie Smart '11 each recorded one goal. Jamie Dannenberg '09 was in goal and completed eight saves against Fredonia State and seven against Nazareth.

Coach Ford attributed the team's difficulties to some inconsistencies between the offense and defense. "Some games one half of the field is great and others the other end is strong. When we put it all together as a whole we are one of the strongest teams in the conference," she said. "We had a tough weekend in New York, but battled through as a team. I feel that if we continue this work that we should be on our way to holding on to the game."

The Fighting Scots' record now stands at 3-3. The team played their North Coast Athletic Conference opener at Oberlin College (0-4, 0-0 NCAC) yesterday at 4:30 p.m. The team will face Kenyon College (6-1, 0-0 NCAC) in their home opener tomorrow at 1 p.m.

The Fighting Scots have had the opportunity to see both teams play, so the team should be able to play more consistently as they enter into conference play.

Outdoor track season begins

Johann Weber
Senior Sports Editor

The last few weeks have been busy ones for the track and field team.

The start of spring break marked the end of the indoor track and field season, which concluded with the North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Championships. Then outdoor season began immediately, with the team loading up their gear and hitting the road for spring training in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Once back on campus their regular season kicked off with the team's only home meet, the Wooster Invitational, held last Saturday. The spring training was clearly beneficial for the Scots, as the men finished first and the women finished third in the eight and 10 team fields, respectively.

The depth of the men's team was the key to their success. The two first-place finishes for the men came from the 4x100 meter relay and Ramses Clements '10 in the triple jump. Wooster complemented those victories with a number of other podium finishes, including Terry Workman '10 in the 5,000 meters, Bryan Albani '10 in the 400 meter hurdles and Josh Kime in the

shot put, all of whom finished second in their events. Jon Mathis '10 also placed third in the discus.

For the women, Kayla Miller '09 picked up an individual first place in the triple jump, with a number of teammates grabbing runner-up finishes on the day. Ali Drushal '09 tied for second in the pole vault, and Katharina Kroll '12 threw over 116 feet in the javelin for a second place there. KateLynn Riley '10, who just finished another outstanding indoor season, was second in the 110 meter hurdles. Like the men's team, the women had a strong advantage in depth over their opponents and also saw a great deal of third, fourth, and fifth place finishes. Natasha Blaise '12 was third in the 400 meters and Whitney Rappole '11 was third in 400 hurdles. Finishing fourth were Sarah Appleton '12 (5000), Kelsie Herring '12 (800), and Drushal (Javelin).

There is a month to go before the conference meet. While the team just completed its indoor season, its enters the stretch run of the outdoor season. The next meet comes tomorrow in Marietta, Ohio in the Don Frail Invitational. The following week, the team runs at the Oberlin Invitational.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team got back on track just in time as conference play started this past Tuesday as the team steamrolled past Oberlin College 9-0 on the road.

The win came after the Scots (1-0 NCAC East, 9-2 overall) had dropped two in a row after winning their first eight to start the season. The team went 7-1 on its spring break trip to Hilton Head, S.C.

Two members of the team came away with clean sweeps against the Yeomen. Ethan Arenstein '11, the team's No. 4 singles player, came up with a 6-0, 6-0 win. Arenstein improved to 8-3 in singles play this year. Matt Mandel '12 also blanked the opposition 6-0, 6-0 and improved his season record to 7-1 overall.

Pat Grab '09, the team's No.1 singles player also cruised en route to a 6-0, 6-3 win. Chris Collen '09.

The team's 9-2 start is a welcome change after the team struggled out of the gate early last year, losing six of its first 11 matches. The team is off to a quick 9-2 start so far this year. The team hosts Allegheny College (5-2) Sunday and hosts John Carroll University (5-5) Wednesday.

Women's Tennis

Success has been hard to come by the past two seasons for the women's tennis team. Last year, the team's suffered through a winless 0-16 campaign. The year before, in 2007, the team went 1-17. Leading up to this season, the team had lost 33 of its past 34 matches. This year, however, is a different story.

The team snapped a 32-game losing streak that spanned nearly two years on Feb. 25 as the team blanked Muskingum College 9-0. It was much-needed win for the Scots and

has brought optimism to a team that has sorely needed it.

This past Tuesday, the team topped Malone College 6-3 to bring its overall record to 3-7. The team's performance in doubles matches proved to be the difference in the match. Elissa Lauber '10 and Kelsey Jenkins '12 won a touch 8-6 match at the No. 1 doubles, while Ashley Stockwell '12 and Boo Flynn '12 came out on top 8-1 at the No. 3 doubles position.

The depth of the team also proved crucial in the win over Malone. Stockwell won the No. 2 singles match in straight sets 6-2, 6-3 while Jenkins won in straight sets as well, 6-3, 6-3. Brenna Hart won her singles match as well by scores of 7-6 and 6-2.

The team travels to Cleveland today as the team will take on Case Western Reserve University (1-11) at 4:30. On Sunday, the team hosts Tiffin University (2-7).

Softball

The softball team has struggled in the early-going this season, dropping 20 of their first 22. The team's latest setback came at the hands of Baldwin-Wallace College in a double-header sweep.

The Yellow Jackets' pitching staff kept the clamps on the Scots' bats all day. Second baseman Priscilla Staples '10 came up with two of the team's four hits in the first game of the doubleheader, which the Scots lost 9-0. Staples collected two more hits in the second double-header, which the Scots also dropped — this time by a score of 12-2.

Katie Pifer '10 took the loss in the first game, allowing nine earned runs, while Andrea Kelly '10 took the loss in the second game and

allowed 10 earned runs. Both were given limited run support.

The team travels to take on Denison University at 1 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

Golf

It had been six seasons since the Wooster golf team won a tournament. They snapped that drought this past Sunday.

First-years played a key role in the historic win. Michael Peters '12 finished in second-place overall. Blake Sword '12 and Greg Benckart '12 also finished in the tournament's top-15 individually.

BY THE NUMBERS

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Hits given up by Mark Miller in the second half of a doubleheader against Oberlin last Sunday. It was the first no-hitter by a Scots pitcher since March 24, 2006 when John Oliver '06 also no-hit the Yeomen.

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Wins this season by the women's tennis team after their win over the Malone University Pioneers last Tuesday. The team are off to their best start since 2005 after going a combined 1-33 the last two seasons.

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Career goals scored by Carly Carey '09. Carey became the 13th player in school history to score 100 goals on Mar. 11 in the team's 11-7 win against St. Vincent. Carey is second on the team with 15 goals this year.

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Seasons since the men's golf team captured a tournament championship. The team snapped the six-year skid last weekend in the Kenyon Invitational as the team finished first out of eight teams.

NCAC Standings

Baseball	
National Top 25 Poll	
1.) Eastern Connecticut (14-1)	
2.) Wheaton (Mass.) (17-1)	
3.) Millsaps (24-3)	
4.) Trinity (Conn.) (12-2)	
5.) Texas-Tyler (24-5)	
6.) Salisbury (21-4)	
7.) Wooster (19-3)	
8.) Southern Maine (12-2)	
9.) St. Scholastica (11-2)	
10.) Heidelberg (13-5)	
11.) Linfield (20-3)	
12.) Kean (17-5)	
13.) Chapman (19-6)	
14.) Pomona-Pitzer (22-3)	
15.) Marietta (10-3)	
16.) U.W. Whitewater (6-3)	
17.) Cal Lutheran (20-5)	
18.) Christopher Newport (15-4-1)	
19.) Cortland State (14-6)	
20.) St. Thomas (12-5)	
21.) Augustana (12-4)	
22.) Rochester (15-3)	
23.) Buena Vista (16-2)	
24.) Shenandoah (22-4)	
25.) Penn State-Behrend (13-2)	

Baseball	
NCAC East	
1.) Wooster (8-0 NCAC, 19-3 overall)	
2.) Kenyon (4-0, 13-11)	
3.) Allegheny (2-4, 3-7)	
4.) Oberlin (0-4, 7-15)	
5.) Hiram (0-6, 1-16)	
NCAC West	
1.) Denison (2-0 NCAC, 11-7 overall)	
2.) Wittenberg (4-2, 8-9)	
3.) Ohio Wesleyan (2-2, 10-9)	
4.) Wabash (3-3, 6-10)	
5.) Earlham (1-5, 6-10)	
Softball	
NCAC	
1.) Hiram (13-5 overall)	
2.) Ohio Wesleyan (13-6)	
3.) Kenyon (9-7)	
4.) Allegheny (10-8)	
5.) Oberlin (1-1)	
6.) Denison (7-8)	
7.) Wittenberg (6-12)	
8.) Wooster (2-16)	

Men's Lacrosse	
NCAC	
1.) Denison (2-0 NCAC, 5-1 overall)	
2.) Ohio Wesleyan (0-0, 4-3)	
2.) Kenyon (0-0, 4-3)	
2.) Oberlin (0-0, 0-3)	
5.) Wittenberg (0-1, 4-2)	
5.) Wooster (0-1, 3-4)	
Women's Lacrosse	
NCAC	
1.) Ohio Wesleyan (1-0 NCAC, 4-2)	
2.) Kenyon (0-0, 6-1)	
2.) Wittenberg (0-0, 3-0)	
2.) Denison (0-0, 2-1)	
2.) Wooster (0-0, 3-3)	
2.) Oberlin (0-0, 0-2)	
7.) Allegheny (0-1, 2-4)	

Standings taken from Northcoast.org, the official site of the NCAC. All standings as of Apr. 1. Top 25 baseball poll according to d3baseball.com

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